



Bexar Wire

San Antonio Radio Club
W5SC



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June 2022

SK Estate Sale

May 13 & 14 the club assisted SK David Billingsley, K5SAT with a Ham Estate Sale. Prior to the sale the Silent Key team, led by Rodney Brown, AA5RB sorted out David's equipment for sale.

Rodney, AA5RB, Marry, KG5UYV and Bill, KD2HIQ spent Friday in the sweltering heat to oversee the sales, they continued on Saturday until the last buyer left.

While many items were sold, many more were left. Bill, KD2HIQ posted some items on the "Trading Post" afterwards and they all sold. Some remaining items were donated to the club for the SK fund and the rest were sold a local ham/vendor.

We had good participation from many of our club members and surrounding clubs. Lots of buyers got some really good deals, since



everything was priced to sell.

Mark, AA5LV bought lot of wire for his projects.

A "prepper" scored on the 12v lead batteries for his solar energy storage. He filled his vehicle with all those batteries, and now has a mission to rejuvenate them back to life.

The 37' Tower sold and awaited some strong helpers with good backs to carry it out of the yard.

The Silent Key Team provided David's widow some closure to his passing.



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Volunteer for Radio Fiesta!



June 17-18
Schertz Civic Center
1400 Shertz Parkway

Meeting June 9, 2022 will be 7 PM at Blanco BBQ, 13259 Blanco Rd, San Antonio, TX 78216, (210) 251-2602 .

SAN ANTONIO RADIO CLUB

PRESIDENT'S RADIOGRAM

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Hello Fellow Hams!

Rosendo is still recovering..

The June Radio Fiesta is just around the corner and it really is time to volunteer. Setup and the event will run June 16-18.

Another chance to serve and show off amateur radio is the Tour de Boerne bicycle race that runs on the first day of Field Day June 25, from 5 AM to 2 PM. It is events like this that

Field Day is coming up the 25th and 26th of June.

Don't forget that tickets for the **Robert A. Rodriguez Scholarship Fundraiser** are on sale now.

Good DX

Jim Neff, WJ4M, for Rosendo Guzman – N5YBG

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The due date for articles is the **Monday** before the first **Thursday** of the month

Meeting was opened at 7 PM by Vice President Lloyd Swartz, KF5ZHW with the Pledge of Allegiance and a round of introductions of those present.

President Rosendo Guzman, N5YBG is absent still recovering from health issues.

Training Program: Antenna Safety Requirement to comply with FCC.

Secretary: Jack Bannan, N5JLB. Absent on travel. Minutes published in past two newsletters were approved without changes.

Special events:

- May 13-14, Silent Key Estate Sale, 9 AM-3PM.
- May 14 Winlink exercise, 5 AM
- May 14 Armed Forces Day Cross-band test
- May 16 Field Day Proclamation to Shavano Park City Council
- May 28 WX4NHC will be on the air for the annual Florid Communicatsion Test Saturday from 9 AM to 5 PM EDT.
- June `17-18, Radio Fiesta
- June 25 Tour De Boerne
- June 25-26 Field Day

Treasurer: Jon April, KI5CSK. Club funds are in good shape. Jon has raffle tickets for the Scholarship Fund.

Chairman of the Board: Harold Fleischer, AE5AS: No board meetitngs to report.

Education and Training Committee: Dave finell, N7LRY, no report

Emergency Communicatoins Committee: JC Smith, N5RXXS, Perparing a new list of emergency frequencies by next meeting.

Membership Committee: Bill Craft, KD2 HIQ,
102 members, 66 of which are ARRL members.

Field Day: Harold Flieischer, AE5AS, Out of town. Lloyd working on getting a time to do a presentation to the City Council.

Finance and Review Committee: Paul Guido, N5IUT. Audit completed 2 months ago, club finances passed.

Jamboree On The Air (JOTA) Committee: John Douglas, W5NZK, No report

Centennial Committee: Tom O'Brien, AB5ZX, Still has pins, patches and coins for sale.

Issue with Sam Sat. Sam Sat will be moving to a new building, including the amateur radio station. Need someone to volunteer to work with SAMSAT. AARO has made some contact.

Radio Fiesta Committee: Bill Craft, KD2HIQ. Still need volunteers. Volunteers get free admission and a free raffle ticket. There will be a table for members to share to sell items, Must be with hour item until it is sold.

Volunteer Examiner Committee. Pat Knight, AD5BR. Next testin session will be at Radio Fiesta, June 18, 1:30

Bexar Wire Newsletter Editor: Jimmie Neff, WJ4M. Newsletter went out on Wednesday. Contributions welcome.

Webmaster: Bill Craft, KD2HIQ. Webpage has been updated to reflect latest information and activities.
Silent Key Committee: Rodney Brown AARRB. Estate Sale items have been inventoried and ready for sale on May 13.

Monthly Activities: Travis Few, N9EOD. Lloyd Schwartz, KF5ZJW was the winner of the fox hunt.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM.



Volunteer Examiners at Work



The the June 2022 Bexar Wire VE Team report

Our next VE session will be June 18 at 1:30 PM at the gym adjacent to the Radio Fiesta in Schertz.

Schertz Civic Center Gym
1400 Schertz Pkwy, Schertz, TX

The location of our Field Day VE session has been changed to our Shavano Park Field Day location at

City of Shavano Park
900 Saddletree Ct
Shavano Park, TX 78231
(NW Military Hwy between DeZavala and Loop 1604)

We have changed the start time for the Field Day VE session to 9 AM. (There will be no VE session in Leon Valley in June.)

Please pre-register at hamtest@gmail.com . If you plan to test, be sure to pre-register.

NOTE: The questions for the Technician exam will change July 1, 2022.

The following information has not changed since last month's newsletter, but it bears repeating.

FCC notice

The FCC released a [Public Notice](#) on March 23, 2022, stating that the amateur radio application fees would become effective on April 19, 2022. The \$35 application fee, will apply to new, renewal, and modification applications that request a new vanity call sign. No fee will be charged for upgrades.

ARRL Youth Licensing Grant Program

According to the ARRL VEC VE Newsletter, the ARRL Youth Licensing Grant Program went into effect on April 19, 2022. ARRL will cover the one-time \$35 application fee for new license candidates younger than 18-years old for tests administered under the ARRL VEC program.

The \$35 FCC application fee will be reimbursed after the ARRL VEC receives the completed reimbursement form and the new license has been issued by the FCC. The reimbursement check will be mailed to the fee payer. Also, candidates younger than 18-years old would pay a reduced exam session fee of \$5 to the ARRL VEC VE team at the time of the exam.

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The \$5 fee is for all candidates under the age of 18 regardless of the exam level taken. Proof of under 18 status is required at the session. Visit the ARRL website for the program instructions and reimbursement form at www.arrl.org/youth-licensing-grant-program.

73,
Pat Knight AD5BR
210-273-5927 iPhone



City of Shavano Park
900 Saddletree Ct
Shavano Park, TX 78231
(NW Military Hwy between DeZavala and Loop 1604) Come and eat barbeque, operate a little and have fun!

Robert A. Rodriguez Scholarship Fundraiser

Here is your chance to get in on our annual scholarship raffle. One lucky person will walk away with the grand prize of a ICOM IC-7610 HF/60MHz SDR radio!

Only 400 raffle tickets will be sold!

Tickets are \$25 each. Proceeds from the raffle support our annual scholarship recipients. Two \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded to winning candidates who meet the ARRL Scholarship guidelines.

All ticket holders are invited to the drawing party on November 10th 2022 ,7pm -at Blanco BBQ. It will be at our regular November meeting and the drawing for the \$3,200 ICOM radio Grand Prize will be before the presentation. Second, third and fourth prizes of radios will also be drawn.

Winners need not be present – you will be contacted to claim your radio.

To purchase a ticket: Make check out to San Antonio Radio Club and mail check to:

Jon April, KI5CSK
PO Box: 17900
San Antonio, TX 78217

or PayPal treasurer@w5sc.org

be sure to include your name, phone # & call sign.

Your Ticket stub will be mailed to you.

Tickets will be on sale June 17&18, 2022 at Radio Fiesta event in Schertz, TX

Field Day 2022 and at regular monthly club meetings.

For more information call Jon at 714-349-0460 or E-mail: [Treasurer @w5sc.org](mailto:Treasurer@w5sc.org)



SARC has had a Groups.io. Its name is saradioclub.

If you haven't signed up for group.io, you should. Groups.io is our primary email messaging method to all club members. It is FREE for all members.

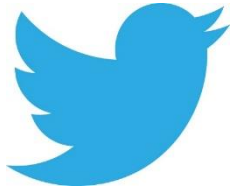
Several members have asked where are the notices, schedules and codes for Zoom meetings?

1. The groups.io calendar has a schedule of Zoom meetings and access codes.
2. The calendar can be accessed directly from the club web site <https://w5sc.org/events-calendar/> NOTE: it is the same groups.io calendar.

The saradioclub Group.io is being used to publicize SARC business meetings. It can be used for other things like promotion of VEC testing and classes. Members of the saradioclub Group.io can and have asked each other technical questions or sought assistance.

The saradioclub Group.io is a closed group. To become a member, go to saradioclub.groups.io. (You may need to have a Groups.io account.) You will then need to select *Apply for membership in this group*. This generates a message. SARC members can expect approval to join the saradioclub Group.io in probably less than 24 hours.

SARC Tweets



Reminder: there are two active Twitter accounts for the San Antonio Radio Club. They are @SARadioClub and @ARadioFiesta.

The @SARadioClub is being used to publicize SARC meetings. It can be used for other things like promotion of VEC testing and classes.

When work again commences the @ARadioFiesta will be used.

SARC members are encouraged to follow both Twitter accounts.

SARC Facebook



There is a San Antonio Radio Club – SARC (@saradioclub) Facebook Page.

The newsletter editor is making posts about SARC meetings and other activities. Any Officer, Committee Chairperson, or member who believes that they have information that should be posted to this page should contact the newsletter editor using the contact information for the newsletter editor on page 2 of this newsletter.

SARC members are encouraged to follow this Facebook Pa

SARC SLACK



There is a San Antonio Radio Club Slack team – w5sc.slack.com.

Slack teams are meant to foster communication between team members. Paul Guido, N5IUT, has established the w5sc.slack.com team for SARC. He has also established some channels. Think of the channels as topical areas.

To join send an email to Paul Guido, N5IUT, at radioteacher@gmail.com. In actuality, any team member already a part of the w5sc.slack.com can invite you, but Paul is known to be on it.

SARC Meeting Dates for 2022

January 13, 2022
February 10, 2022
March 10, 2022
April 14, 2022
May 12, 2022
June 9, 2022
July 14, 2022
August 11, 2022
September 8, 2022
October 13, 2022
November 10, 2022
December – No meeting

Meetings are normally held at Blanco BBQ,
13259 Blanco Rd, San Antonio, TX 78216
at 7:00 p. m. Room is available at 6:00 p.
m. for supper

Amateur Radio License Classes

For more information, contact:
David Finell, N7LRY
Instructor

SARC has a website:

w5sc.org

Webmaster: Bill Craft KD2HIQ
Billc851@gmail.com
210-233-8863

JOTA

Club members participated in JOTA and JOTI the largest Scouting event in the world at McGimsey Scout Park with the Alamo Area BSA on Saturday October 16th. Volunteers set up several stations including mobile installations and allowed scouts to contact stations as far away as England.

License Testing Dates for 2022

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We expect to be testing at
Leon Valley Public Library,
6425 Evers Rd
Leon Valley, TX 78238

June 17-18 Testing at Radio Fiesta gym, 1:30 PM

The following dates planned, with no test session in December.

June 25, 2022 (Field Day) at Shavano Park FD location

August 27, 2022

October 22, 2022

Pre-register at hamtest@gmail.com . If you plan to test, be sure to pre-register.

We will also have a test session June 18 at Radio Fiesta in Schertz, TX.

SARC does all of its licensing testing as a part of ARRL Volunteer Examiner Coordinator (VEC) organization so all of the Volunteer Examiners in SARC are duly authorized Volunteer Examiners of ARRL's VEC.

Emergency Communications

If you are interested in emergency communications, contact:
JC Smith N5RXS

Field Day 2022 June 25-26

FD 2021 was great, FD 2022 is coming sooner than you'd think!

Where SARC proves they are an eating group with a radio problem.

Radio Fiesta 2022

June 17-18, 2022

Radio Fiesta 2022 has been moved from the previous January time frame to June..

Facts About The New Application Fee

New License fees have been introduced into the amateur radio. The application fee came into effect on Tuesday, 19 April 2022 at 00:00:01 EDT. The following 3 facts will help you understand the new fee structure.

Fact 1 – The application fee as it relates to the Amateur Radio Service is \$35 with two exceptions as noted in the table below by a yellow background.

Purpose		Fee
New License	Technician, General or Amateur Extra	\$35
Modify a License	Upgrade license class and/or request a systematic call sign change	Free
	Request a Vanity call sign	\$35
Renew License	Renew license only	\$35
	Renew license and modify license	
	Renew license and update administrative data (Change name, change mailing address, e-mail address)	
Administrative Update	Change one or more of the following: • Licensee name • Mailing address • E-mail address • Phone number	Free

Fact 2 – VEs **will not** collect the application fees. The FCC will be responsible for collecting the fee and it will be payable to the US Treasury.

Fact 3 – Payment of the application fee is the sole responsibility of the applicant. They will be given a fact sheet that explains how to pay the fee within 10 calendar days.

For most of us, this translates into there will be a \$35 fee for license renewal and application for vanity call.

For more information contact hamtest@w5sc.org